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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 301, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to special license plates.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 301, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 301.3146, to read as follows:

301.3146. 1. Any member of the search and rescue council of Missouri, after an annual payment of an emblem-use authorization fee to the search and rescue council of Missouri, may receive special license plates for any vehicle the member owns, either solely or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight. The search and rescue council of Missouri hereby authorizes the use of its official emblem to be affixed on multiyear personalized license plates within the plate area prescribed by the director of revenue and as provided in this section. Any contribution to the search and rescue council of Missouri derived from this section, except reasonable administrative costs, shall be used solely for the purposes of the search and rescue council of Missouri. Any member of the search and rescue council of Missouri may annually apply for the use of the emblem.

2. Upon annual application and payment of a twenty-five dollar emblem-use contribution to the search and rescue council of Missouri, the search and rescue council of Missouri shall issue to the vehicle owner, without further charge, an "emblem-use authorization statement", which shall be presented by the vehicle owner to the director of revenue at the time of registration. Upon presentation of the annual statement and payment of a fifteen dollar fee in addition to the regular registration fees, and presentation of any documents which may be required by law, the director of revenue shall issue to the vehicle owner a special license plate

which shall bear the emblem of the search and rescue council of Missouri and the words "SEARCH AND RESCUE" in place of the words "SHOW-ME-STATE". Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design of the standard license plate, shall be clearly visible at night, shall have a reflective white background in the area of the plate configuration, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.144, no additional fee shall be charged for the personalization of license plates pursuant to this section.

3. A vehicle owner who was previously issued a plate with the search and rescue council of Missouri emblem authorized by this section, but who does not provide an emblem-use authorization statement at a subsequent time of registration, shall be issued a new plate which does not bear the search and rescue council of Missouri emblem, as otherwise provided by law. The director of revenue shall make necessary rules and regulations for the enforcement of this section, and shall design all necessary forms required by this section.

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